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LOK SABHA

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Upkeep of Toilets Constructed in Schools
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of toilets constructed in schools by the corporate-sector and public-sector, State-wise;
(b) whether the constructed toilets have broken down or are not in condition of being used due to lack of proper maintenance; and
(c) if so, the scheme prepared by the Government for proper upkeep of the said toilets?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)
(a) The total number of toilets constructed/re-constructed by the corporate sector and public sector in Government elementary and secondary schools under Swachh Vidyalaya initiative State/UT-wise is at Annexure.
Apart from the above, construction/re-construction of 25,324 school toilets in 23 States has been sanctioned from Swachh Bharat Kosh, in which contribution was also received from private entities.
(b) The Ministry of Human Resource Development has not received such report from any State/UT.
(c) Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme, a School Maintenance Grant of 5,000/- per school (having upto 3 classrooms) and 10,000/- per school (having more than 3 classrooms), subject to the condition that the overall eligibility for the district would be 7,500/- per school, is regularly sanctioned in the Annual Work Plan and Budget of SSA of respective States and UTs. For secondary schools, under the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) an amount of 50,000 per school is provided as annual School Grant to the States and UTs. The school maintenance grant is utilized for the maintenance and minor repair of the school infrastructure including toilets.
The primary responsibility of maintenance of school toilets lies with the concerned State Government and UT Administration. The Ministry of Human Resource Development has advised all State Governments and UT Administrations to ensure proper maintenance of school toilets constructed under the Swachh Vidyalaya initiative to keep them functional and also to take steps to bring about behavioural changes among students and teachers through an intensive awareness campaign so that the schools toilets are properly used, and kept neat and clean. The Ministry of Human Resource Development has requested to the Public Sector Undertaking (PSUs) who participated in the Swachh Vidyalaya initiative to maintain the toilets constructed by them for at least five years.
The Ministry of Panchayati Raj has advised the Panchayati Raj Departments of all States to include the provision for construction of toilets and regular repair of the toilets in schools in the Gram Panchayat Development Plans.